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Thanks To Helpers And Greetings To New Readers

We praise the Lord for the many hundreds of new subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord* which have come in recently. God has raised up friends in many places who have sent from one to fifty subscriptions in each letter. Some were the three months trial subscriptions, others were for one or three years. We here in the office, the editor, the business manager of the paper, Miss Fairy Shappard, in charge of the filing, addressing and mailing, Miss Eula Lee in the Book Store, Misses Viola Walden and Lola Mae Bradshaw, stenographers, all feel grateful to God and to our many friends who are helping us thus to spread the gospel. May God reward everyone who secured subscriptions or paid for subscriptions for others. They have come from officials of Bible Institutes and influential pastors and from unlettered Christians who wrote with a pencil and whose earnest praise and fervent prayer is just as sweet to us and as desirable to God even if sometimes words are misspelled. For everyone we pray that God will bless you.

New readers of *The Sword of the Lord*, we hope you will take the paper seriously. We are earnestly striving to get out the gospel. It is our earnest hope to hear from someone saved from this very issue. Please read the paper in the fear of God. Look up Bible references. Christians, study carefully the teachings given herein. If saints are edified and sinners are converted and preachers are inspired and taught, then how happy our labor and how glorious our reward.

We remind all of you again that this is a missionary enterprise. The larger the paper grows the more sacrifice is entailed in the work of publishing it. Not a penny of either wages or profit is made by any worker who helps get out *The Sword of the Lord*. Subscriptions and advertising do not even pay the printing. The deficit must be made up constantly from other sources, the gifts of Christian people. These girls work without any definite agreement as to salary and sacrificially give their time. Not one is paid from the income of *The Sword of the Lord*. They are cared for by free will offerings of God's people in Dallas and elsewhere. Whatever profit is made from the Book Store, and it is small, goes immediately to help pay the printing of *The Sword of the Lord*. In a little over two years, the editor, with encouragement and help of his wife and other workers, has put between \$2,500 and \$3,000 into the publishing of this paper, besides turning back into the work all that came in for subscriptions and advertising. It is little to do for the Lord. But since we have no regular salary and our resources, humanly speaking, are not great, we urge all of you who will to earnestly pray for this work. If you feel led of God to help pay these heavy printing bills week by week, then do so. The work is as unselfish and distinctively a missionary enterprise as if the editor had gone to a foreign field and there

was giving his life in foreign missions among the heathen. As far as we know our hearts we work with the same motives, longing to see sinners saved, anxious by every means possible to spread the gospel and to build up Christians in the most holy faith.

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We thank God for His blessings, so many. He has never left us and will not. It is sweet to trust in Him, to cast "all your cares upon Him; for He careth for you." So in Jesus' name, old friends, we thank you, and new friends, we greet you.

Tindley's Father

By Dr. R. G. Lee, Pastor, Bellvue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

(This is part of the great message by Dr. R. G. Lee in the book *ONE PLUS GOD*, printed by the Zondervan Press, price 25c. Order from the Sword Book Room, Dallas. It will stir your heart.)

(The Charles A. Tindley is the father of the great colored singer, Elbert Thurwalden Tindley, Spirit-anointed singer who will sing daily in the Dallas Bible School. He will also tell the thrilling story of his great father's life and of his own conversion.)

It was once my privilege to hear the noted Charles A. Tindley, a negro preacher, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, — Tindley Temple.

For thirty-two years he was pastor of this great church. His congregation numbered ten thousand persons. His church was said to be the largest negro congregation in the world. Often he was forced to implore those in attendance on the morning service to remain away at the night service so that others would have a chance to attend and hear him preach. He has been called a "Lincoln in Ebony." His early life had similar bitter trials. He was born to grinding poverty, to great hardships, to hard knocks, to driving work.



E. T. TINDLEY

He came to the age of seventeen without a day's schooling, apparently doomed to ignorance. He came to Philadelphia and carried the hod. There, while he was carrying the hod, he was converted. The same change of heart that came to Zacchaeus and the Ethiopian eunuch in the long ago, came to him. Then he worked as sexton of the church of which he later became pastor. He studied much

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3. SPEAKERS — Dr. Walter Lewis Wilson, Kansas City, "Heart Talks About the Heart."

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at night. In later years, when his opportunities were freer, he learned Greek and Hebrew — and everything else he could. He became a powerful preacher, never acknowledging that he, born of black parents, was responsible for his black face, ever acknowledging his responsibility to God for his life and for the Gospel with which God entrusted him.

My heart was grieved when he died, July, 1933.

Dr. Tindley wrote many hymns. Many of you, not knowing, have sung them from your church hymnals. In his favorite hymn which he wrote, he sang:

"I shall see the land of Beulah,
With mine eyes undimmed
with tears."

Many people had eyes "dimmed with tears" when they heard of his death, though his own can well be clear and happy and unafraid.

The secret of that life was the power provided for him by the Christ whom he loved and served, whose completeness flowed round Tindley's incompleteness. That is the story of his life. Tindley plus God.

And what shall I say more? Nothing — except to ask a few questions and make a statement or so. Do you know that God calls you to be one? Do you hear? Will you hear? Will you answer? Will you give him your bits or your best?

Where is our gratitude if we live as though there had been no Galilean ministry? — no Jerusalem sorrows? No Calvary wounds? Living in the heart of a land that owes everything to Him, what response make we to His call? Shall we be content to be less; to do less (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

revivals, day time, evangelistic sermons at night for four days.

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Editor John R. Rice will teach the book of Luke.

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JUDAS ISCARIOT

Apostle, Miracle-Worker, Moral Man — Unconverted, Devil-Possessed, Hypocrite, Thief, "Devil," "Son of Perdition," Suicide, Who Went to Hell

A SERMON BY JOHN R. RICE SHOWING THE AWFUL DANGER OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR MORAL LIFE WITHOUT BEING BORN AGAIN, THE SINFUL LOVE OF MONEY AND THE ETERNAL RUIN OF ONE WHO PUTS ANYTHING BEFORE CHRIST AND SALVATION

The most awful name in human history is that of Judas Iscariot. Benedict Arnold was a traitor and to many Americans it is a term of great reproach. But Benedict Arnold had grievances, he betrayed only a human cause. He turned from one group of ordinary mortals like himself to another group. But Judas Iscariot was the arch-hypocrite of the centuries and betrayed the lovely Son of God Himself. He sold the Saviour of mankind for thirty pieces of silver and then that godless tongue said, "Hail, Master," and those wicked lips stained the holy face of Jesus with the kiss of a traitor. The Saviour Himself said Judas was a "devil," and "the

son of perdition" (John 6:70; John 17:12). The term "the son of perdition" is only used in all the Bible of one other being and that is the terrible Man of Sin or Antichrist who will appear on the earth in the great tribulation time in all the power of Satan. The apostles spoke of Judas with horror as one who went "to his own place," that is, evidently Hell (Acts 1:25). No other man ever had greater privileges, and none ever abused them so wickedly. Judas returned evil for good, hate for love, and that to the holiest and purest and most kindly Being who ever walked this earth in human form. So the name

Judas Iscariot is now a synonym for all that is unholy and vile and traitorous.

And yet, dear reader, you who shudder at the wickedness of Judas Iscariot, are you guilty of the same sin? Some who read this message may be on the road that leads by the same devious ways to the place where Judas Iscariot went.

Judas Iscariot was not always vile. Some mother loved him proudly and dreamed of a great future for the boy who nursed at her breast and then slowly under her fond eyes grew to manhood. Perhaps his parents dreamed as proud-

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Hear John R. Rice

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7:30 A. M. Each Sunday Morning

JUDAS ISCARIOT

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ly of the future of Judas when they saw him follow Jesus as did Zebedee and his wife when they gave up the stalwart James and John and saw them leave their nets and ships and the fishing business to follow Jesus and so take their places in the hall of eternal fame as the apostles of our Lord. Judas was loved and respected. He was regarded as a model Christian. He was never suspected by the other apostles. Outwardly he had many of the marks of a Christian. He was a professed disciple of Christ, a preacher of the gospel, even a miracle-worker. He was chosen evidently by the other apostles as treasurer. To the very last they never suspected him of treachery. You may be in the shoes of Judas Iscariot, and I earnestly urge you to consider some ten facts about him given below.

Ten Facts About Judas

In Matthew 10:1-8, we find the account of how Jesus called the apostles, named them and sent them out to preach, and gave them supernatural power.

"1. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

"2. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

"3. Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

"4. Simon, the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

"5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

"6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

"7. And as ye go preach,

saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

"8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." (Matt. 10:1-8).

Beginning here, we call your attention to some of the Bible facts about Judas Iscariot. 1. HE WAS CALLED TO BE AN APOSTLE. The honor that came only to a few men in the history of the world came to Judas. His was the same privilege with Simon Peter, with James and John, that trio of great preachers who shook the world of their day with the gospel. Matthew, the converted publican who wrote the gospel called by his name, was a companion of Judas, and Judas could have been as greatly used of God.

We know certainly that Judas publicly claimed to be a Christian, that is, to love and trust Jesus Christ. The very fact that he followed Jesus as one of His chosen twelve was a profession of his faith. Besides, he most certainly had been baptized. After Judas had killed himself and after Jesus had arisen from the dead, the apostles, meeting together, considered the question of a successor to take the place of Judas, and they said:

"Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

"Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection" (Acts 1:21, 22).

One who was to take the place of an apostle must have companied with the disciples during the entire ministry of Jesus, "beginning from the baptism of John." Judas, then, like the other apostles, must have been baptized when John was baptizing in the river Jordan. If Judas went to Hell, then he went as a church member, went to Hell as a professing Christian.

2. JUDAS WAS A PREACHER. Not only was Judas called as an apostle, but he actually was sent forth to preach as you see from Matthew 10:5-8. He probably baptized others, for "Jesus baptized not but his disciples" (John 4:2). Jesus gave Judas power over unclean spirits, power to work miracles, commanded him to heal and preach, for Judas was one of the twelve, and Matthew 10:5-8 says that "These twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them . . . preach . . . heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." Judas was commanded to do these things and as far as we know, he did. Certainly there have been some preachers who did do such things though unsaved as Matthew 7:22, 23 tells us. How strange to think that Judas Iscariot went

about daily claiming to be a Christian, even acting as a minister of the gospel, when he would eventually betray Jesus Christ!

3. JUDAS LIVED IN MOST INTIMATE CONTACT WITH JESUS. Jesus and the twelve seem to have gone almost everywhere together. In one or two cases, Peter, James and John went with Jesus and saw His miracles when others did not, but we may be sure that Judas heard practically every sermon that Jesus ever preached. He was there when Jesus healed the maniac of Gadara, casting out a legion of devils. He saw the woman at the well of Sychar in Samaria when she was so happily converted that she forgot her waterpot and ran to tell the people "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" And he saw the great revival that followed. He saw the storm on the Sea of Galilee stilled by the voice of Jesus. He, with the other apostles, passed the broken pieces of bread and fish to the multitude when five little barley loaves and two small fishes fed 5,000. We suppose he saw the water turned to wine. He saw lepers cleansed. He saw the dead raised. There could have been in his mind, it seems, no reasonable doubt about the Saviour being all that He claimed to be.

But even more precious than these miracles, Judas knew the compassionate heart of Jesus. He saw Him in His daily walk. He heard the tender tones of His voice. He knew when Jesus wept and prayed, sometimes all night. He knew His compassion for sinners and publicans. He saw Him forgive the harlots, receive the outcasts, give hope to the hopeless and preach the gospel to the poor! I say Judas knew the intimate heart of Christ by daily contact for three and one-half years. He dipped into the same bowl at meal time and slept, no doubt many times, in the same room at night. In their times of prayer together, surely Judas must many a time have lifted his voice with the others. How could such a man as Judas turn out to be a traitor?

4. JUDAS WAS, AT FIRST, A MAN OF HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER, RESPECTED BY ALL. This must have been so. Judas passed for a Christian, and there is not a hint that any one ever suspected that he was otherwise. Though Jesus early in His ministry said, "Have not I chose you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" yet no one seemed to suspect Judas. Down to the last night, the disciples honored Him. Others were jealous when James and John sought the leadership and had their mother ask that they be given the first places in the coming kingdom (Matt. 20:21, 24) but no such resentment against Judas is ever mentioned. Peter said, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended" (Matt. 26:33) but even then no one accused or suspected Judas. When Jesus said openly at the table the same night that He was betrayed, "One of you shall betray me," each disciple there said, "Lord, is it I?" Peter had John who was leaning on the Saviour's breast to ask Him who it would be. None of them thought it would be Judas. And when Jesus said to Judas, "What thou doest, do quickly," even yet they simply thought that Judas was to buy something for the passover feast. The moral life of Judas deceived all the apostles, in fact, it deceived everyone, I suppose, but Jesus Himself.

Judas was even made treasurer of the band and "had the bag and bare what was put therein" (John 12:6). The disciples would not have chosen it so if they had not been convinced that Judas was all right. How fearful a truth it is that Judas at first was a moral man of the very highest type and yet fell into such sin and came to such an awful end.

5. YET JUDAS WAS NEVER CONVERTED. In John 6:64 Jesus said, "But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him." Then when other disciples left Him, Peter declared, that "we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." But in verses 70 and 71 "Jesus answered

them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve."

Judas never did believe in Jesus as His Saviour! Even from the beginning Jesus knew that Judas had not trusted Him and would betray Him. Thus, early in the ministry of Jesus, Judas was said to be a devil! Here is a sad truth, then, that Judas was never converted. He was a moral man but not a born-again man. His name might have been with the church members, but his name was not on the Lamb's book of life. He was a professor but not a possessor of everlasting life. Judas was not one who was first saved and then became lost. No, he never was saved. He never trusted Christ for salvation, never was cleansed in the blood never was made a new creature by the Holy Spirit of God. He fooled men but he did not fool God!

6. THE LOVE OF MONEY PROBABLY LED JUDAS TO REJECT CHRIST AND THUS DAMN HIS SOUL.

The Word of God tells so much in so few words. In the twelfth chapter of John we see a happy scene around a supper table. Lazarus has been raised from the dead and they have made a great feast. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, her heart overflowing with love and thankfulness, was taught by the Holy Spirit about the coming death of Jesus and so with "a pound of ointment of spikenard very costly" she had anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet on her hair. The whole house was filled with the odor of that precious ointment, and Jesus was touched and pleased so much that He promised what she had done should be told to the whole world wherever the gospel is preached (Matt. 26:13). But we are told that Judas was there and these verses reveal with startling clearness what is happening to his character.

"Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, "5. Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" "6. This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein."

He has become a thief! Trusted by all the disciples, he has betrayed their trust. The love of money has eaten like a canker into his soul and now Judas steals for himself what he can from the offerings given to support Jesus and the twelve and to care for the poor! The man who tried morality without Christ found his morals broken down. There is no true morality without Christ, without regeneration. The outwardly moral man is not moral inside. Every unregenerate heart is rotten with sin and out of such hearts "proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19). It was immediately after this that Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus for money, as you see from Matthew 26:14-16:

"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

"15. And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver."

"16. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him."

It seems to have been a clear choice between Jesus and money. For thirty pieces of silver Judas was to betray the Son of God! It was the price foretold in the Scriptures (Zech. 11:12, 13). It was the price of an injured and mangled servant (Exo. 21:32). For this amount of money, estimated to be between seventeen and twenty dollars in value, Judas committed the terrible crime which has made his name accursed through the centuries.

7. JUDAS BECAME LITERALLY POSSESSED OF SATAN. In Luke 22:3 we are told,

"Then entered Satan into Judas

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— E. M. Winter

Tindley's Father

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than He wants? Or shall we respond honorably and sacrificially to the marching orders of His kingdom's great advance, asking immunity no more from blood-letting? With us — shall it be sweet sayings about Him or scar service for Him? Shall it be rolling marbles or removing mountains? Shall the Cross be an ornament or a reality in our lives? Shall it be left-overs, or all? Cowardice or courageous conquest? Shall it be chasing short-lived butterflies of pleasure or going into a wilderness to recover lost sheep? Shall it be following the world that cheats us or the Christ who enriches us? Shall we be guilty of absorptions in the infinitely trivial? Shall we be guilty of obscuring life's larger values by stupid concentration on the relatively unimportant? Shall we pigmyize ourselves by groping after the petty and picayune, missing the main chance? Shall we, having heard of, and singing of the cross of Christ, be guilty of indulgence of vital powers in trivialities? Shall we fail to acknowledge the power of "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon" — of one man plus God? God forbid!

surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve."

And following this Judas covenanted with the chief priests to betray Jesus! John 13:2 tells us that "The devil . . . put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him." He who cast

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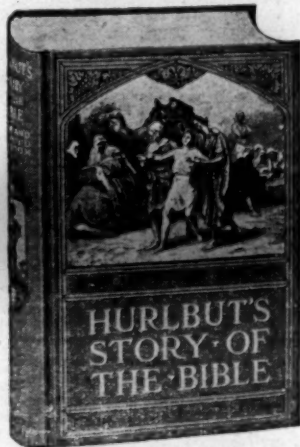
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out devils was now possessed by Satan himself! Judas was like the man out of whom the unclean spirit went and then returned "and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first" (Matt. 12:45). This explains as well as anything else can do how Judas committed this terrible sin of betraying Jesus.

8. JUDAS DESCENDED TO THE LOWEST HYPOCRISY, BETRAYING JESUS WITH A KISS. Can you imagine the breaking heart of Jesus when this took place?

"And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

"48. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

"49. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

"50. And Jesus said unto him, friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him" (Matt. 26:47-50).

Jesus loved him, called him friend, even though He had known all these years that Judas would betray Him. Judas said to Jesus, "Hail, master." Then the mob seized Jesus and bound Him and Judas collected his thirty pieces of silver!

9. TERRIBLE REMORSE OF CONSCIENCE SEIZED JUDAS SO THAT HE BROUGHT BACK THE MONEY TO THE PRIESTS AND CONFESSED HIS SIN. However, these wicked friends were no help. They did not pray for him to have pardon. They could not show him any way of peace. He had sold Christ for money and now the money burned like fire in His soul, and in utter despair he committed suicide. In the words of the Scripture

"Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

"Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

"And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself" (Matt. 27:3-5).

After Judas hanged himself, his body fell and burst asunder (Acts 1:18), a horrible reminder to all the passers-by of the sad fruits of sin.

10. JUDAS AFTER ALL HIS OPPORTUNITIES WENT TO ETERNAL TORMENT IN HELL!

The inspired apostles asked God to help them select an apostle "that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place" (Acts 1:25). Judas fell, not from salvation, for he never had it, but from the ministry and apostleship, that he might go to his own place. His own place was Hell, the place of every sinner not born again, whether he is a church member

or not, moral or not, preacher or not. This is what Jesus meant in John 17 when in His prayer to the Father He said, "Those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled" (John 17:12). Judas, the son of perdition, was lost and not saved. Jesus had kept all those who really came to Him. But Judas never truly came in his heart, so he died and went to hell.

Judas "repented himself" about the money and brought it again to the chief priests, but he did not repent toward God nor have faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. So the poor, hopeless, devil-possessed man who had been moral, had been numbered with the apostles, had preached and worked miracles, had been trusted by all the disciples, died without Christ and now must spend eternity in torment. As Jesus said of him, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born" (Matt. 26:24).

Part II. Lessons For You From Judas Iscariot

Many will read this sermon, we believe, who are not saved and every soul, saved or lost, needs to give earnest heed to the lessons to be drawn from the life of Judas Iscariot. He has been on a pinnacle of infamy and his name is heaped with the scorn of those who despise his sin, but beware, reader, lest you be guilty as he was, deceived by sin, captured by Satan at last to suffer eternal remorse in Hell. Then let us consider the following lessons which God's Word brings to our mind as we consider Judas Iscariot.

Lost In the Church

Judas was counted a Christian but was lost. He was baptized and yet was lost. He preached the gospel and yet was lost. He worked miracles and yet was lost: He was trusted by all who knew him, save Jesus, and yet he was lost! It is a terrible thing to go to Hell from anywhere but what remorse must be the portion of those who go to Hell from a church! More people go to hell than go to heaven, for "straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Many who expect to go to Heaven will be disappointed, for Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Many who expect to go to Heaven are lost and will not go. The five foolish virgins expected to go into the marriage and yet they had no oil. They had only the lamps of profession and not the oil of salvation.

In the first revival wherein I ever preached, two young women called me to talk with an old man who sat on the ground near the country brush arbor. He said, "Bro. Rice, I am all right. I never did anybody any harm."

"But have you ever been converted?" I asked. "Have you ever trusted Christ as your own personal Saviour?"

"Why, I have been a church member for a long time," he said. "I was superintendent of a Sunday School once. I prayed in public many times. I am as good as the other church members. You need not worry about me."

I insisted that religious activities were not enough. He must have more than that to meet God in peace. But he said, "Well, I have never done anything very bad. About all I ever did wicked was to cuss a little bit," he said.

"You might just as well say 'About all I ever did was to kill a few men now and then,'" I said. "You are a sinner and unless Christ has changed your heart you are lost and condemned today. Jesus said, 'He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God' and again He said, 'Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.' Has God changed your heart?" I remember that he looked down quietly for a little bit and then answered frankly, "No, Brother Rice, I don't know that I was ever born again. I guess I

have never been saved if that is what it takes."

"Then don't you think it is time you got that settled today?" I said.

He answered, "Yes, I do!" and arose and came with me at once to the altar where he kneeled down with tears and prayed for forgiveness and salvation and trusted Christ. Thank God he received it and went home happy. How sad if he had died, this Sunday School superintendent this man who prayed in public this moral church member, before he was ever born again!

Some years ago in a Sunday morning service when thirty-seven or thirty-eight people responded to the invitation in public profession of faith in Christ or coming as backsliders to renew their vows, a young woman came screaming from the back of the church house and weeping aloud. She said, "My name has been on the church book but it has never been on the book of life!" She was saved that day by simple faith in Jesus.

Let me warn you with all the solemnity of which I am capable that you may be in the church unsaved. Maybe you were sprinkled as a baby and all your life counted yourself a Christian because you were in the church. Or maybe you decided to mend your ways and reform; with others you joined the church expecting to live a better life and hoping thereby to get to Heaven. Do not be deceived. Millions are in Hell who went there from the churches. Church membership cannot save you. A woman in Dallas came to me, saying, "I have been baptized, now I want to be born again." In an Oklahoma revival some years ago, a dear girl of Catholic faith looked at me with burning eyes and told in broken voice how she had looked to her church and priest and confessions and prayers and mass to save her soul until she was brought down to death's door by illness. Then she declared, "I found that what I had might be good enough to live by but it wouldn't do to die by! I promised God if He would give me another chance I would make sure this time that I was saved." I remember the agonized heart searching that went on as I taught her the simple way of salvation by trusting Jesus and depending wholly upon His blood, shed for sinners. When she saw how simple it was to trust in Jesus, what a quiet, deep joy was expressed in her face! I remember that she went to her sister and urged her to make sure of her salvation beyond any doubt lest she should be damned and lost by being in the church without Christ and having a profession without a real possession of salvation.

The reason Judas was lost is that he did not trust in Jesus for salvation, did not surrender his heart to Jesus and take by faith the salvation freely offered for every sinner, purchased fully on Calvary. Jesus died to take your place. Today He will be your Saviour if you will simply trust Him with all your heart, depend upon Him, receive Him, claim Him as yours. May God grant that no reader of this paper may go to Hell depending on church membership or baptism or good deeds, as many others have.

A Moral Life Utterly Failed To Save Judas

I suppose there is no doubt that Judas, to begin with, was a man of the highest moral standing. His life deceived everybody but Jesus. The other apostles believed in his morals and I suppose elected him treasurer. But for all his moral standing, Judas went to Hell.

I said that church membership could not save a sinner. Neither can the lodges. There are doubtless multiplied thousands of Masons in Hell, not because they were Masons but because they had not been born again. The lodges have done irreparable harm in causing men to depend upon a system of morals. But the man who has a cultured mind and a tender conscience will go to Hell just as surely as a reprobate sinner if he does not have Christ. The man who is kind to his neighbors, who pays his bills and keeps his marriage vows is as certainly lost as Judas Iscariot if he has not been regenerated and given a new heart by the work of the Holy Spirit. It is only by faith in Christ that a lodge

member can keep out of Hell and so with every other moral man. It was to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews religiously, a Pharisee in practice, one of the greatest moral men of his day that Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" and "Ye must be born again." (John 3:3, 7).

And the sad part is that Judas' morals failed him. After all there is no true morality outside of Christ. How could Judas really be moral in heart and hate the Lord Jesus Christ. The very fact that he rejected Christ in his heart, did not love Him nor trust Him is the best possible proof of his own wicked heart. The Pharisees who crucified Jesus claimed to be moral men too, but they have gone down in history with Judas Iscariot as the most striking examples of wicked hate and selfishness. The man who rejects Christ is immoral and rotten at heart. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Outwardly men may be genteel, cultivated, attractive and magnetic. Inwardly we know that without Christ they are whitened sepulchres, wolves in sheep's clothing and hypocrites even as Judas Iscariot. Jesus Himself is the touchstone of true morality. Let me know a man's attitude toward the immaculate Son of God and I will know his heart better than any other possible way. If he hungers and thirsts after righteousness, he will rejoice in the righteousness of Christ. If he, himself, has a longing for purity, he will love the pure and holy Lamb of God. If he is merciful, he will be attracted by the merciful Saviour. If he truly loves men, he will be drawn by the compassion of Jesus. There is no godliness, no true morality, no true righteousness outside of Christ. The pretensions of Judas soon fell away and he was revealed as a wicked sinner, a thief, a money-loving criminal, a despicable and cowardly traitor. I warn you now moral man, that your morals will end as did those of Judas. Your character without Christ will gradually break down and one day you will appear outwardly to be what you really are inwardly, a wicked-hearted, Christ-rejecting, Hell-deserving sinner!

Today I beg you, confess your sin and seek Christ's mercy and forgiveness. If Judas had done that he would not have become a thief and then the betrayer of Jesus, a suicide and then an inmate of Hell.

Hypocrites Who Betray Christ With a Kiss

What is purer than a mother's kiss? How much sacrifice and forgiving love it stands for! With a kiss sweethearts pledge their undying love one toward another. How sweet is the kiss of a true wife and of innocent children. A kiss means devotion and loyalty and true love. But Judas turned the emblem of love and devotion into the sign of a traitor, saying, "Hail, Master." He kissed Jesus that the soldiers and mob would thus know who to take for crucifixion.

Doubtless, many of you who read this do lip service to Christ. You claim to believe the Bible, to believe in Christ, in Heaven, in Hell, in salvation. I wonder if your pledge of devotion is as insincere and hypocritical as the kiss of Judas? Some of you teach Sunday School classes and yet you have never said goodbye to the picture show and the bridge party. The same mouth that praises Jesus Christ blows forth cigarette smoke. The same tongue that offers testimony in the prayer meeting talks scandal about your neighbor. "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing." (James 3:10). The same lips that sing in the choir take God's holy Name in vain! If so, then you are guilty of hypocrisy like Judas. You say, "Hail, Master," and kiss Him

but you run with the mob that would crucify Him. Beware lest your praise is only from the lips! Beware lest your service is fraudulent and offensive to God. The Lord said about certain people that, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Matt. 15:7, 8). Our thanks at the table are formal. Our service in the churches too often has no heart, no feeling, no devotion. This cold-hearted, unfelt religion is an abomination to God! No wonder sinners are not moved by our preaching or that God does not answer our praying. Cold churches, professional preachers, formal worship, matter-of-fact service — these, I fear, have taken the joy out of our religion, have robbed Christ of His glory and betrayed Him before the world. We have said, "Hail, master" alas, too many times and kissed Him with a kiss of insincerity, a traitor's kiss like Judas!

May God give us sincerity in our religion! May we awake to our shams and confess our lukewarmness and forsake our hypocrisy! (Continued next issue)

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